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New Comment Submission

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Wed, Sep 16, 2009 at 11:58 AM

To: dmlivier@comcast.net

Ms. Olivier,

We appreciate receiving your feedback about the San Luis Valley – Calumet – Comanche Transmission Project. Our process welcomes and encourages input from landowners along the proposed corridors. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), an Xcel Energy company, are partners in the proposed project and have a web site (www.socotransmission.com) that provides project details for the public and key stakeholders. In addition to detailed information about the purpose and need for the project, the site also features a mapping function that gives visitors a closer look at the proposed corridors. The proposed project is still in the planning and development stages and therefore structure locations and numbers have not yet been determined. You can subscribe to the e-mail newsletter that provides news and updates about the project from the utilities.

If you have further comments or questions for the USDA RUS please send them to:

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or visit <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>

On Tue, Sep 15, 2009 at 10:06 AM, EDAW Engage <info@engage.edaw.com> wrote:
A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:
I was not able to attend a meeting

Important Issues:
Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Noise, Health and Safety, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:
Residential

Comment:
We own property at Hatchet Ranch, on the east side; 3rd phase that would overlook the proposed lines which would be obstructing our views of the mountains. We use the land for recreational purposes currently, however, plan to move there when we retire. We could not attend the meetings because we both work and are out of town frequently. Please send us more information; maps are helpful however we cannot tell how many proposed locations there are - are there a number of them or just two?

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Also, how long have plans for this project been in the works? We have not heard anything about them previously.

It would seem likely that many residents and tourists in Southern Colorado would not like to see Interstate 25 flanked with transmission lines; especially ironic that the lines will be transmitting solar power - this is not New Mexico; Colorado standards should be higher.

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We prefer that any lines be buried underground:

Underground transmission
Electric power can also be transmitted by underground power cables instead of overhead power lines. They can assist the transmission of power across:

Densely populated urban areas
Areas where land is unavailable or planning consent is difficult
Rivers and other natural obstacles
Land with outstanding natural or environmental heritage
Areas of significant or prestigious infrastructural development
Land whose value must be maintained for future urban expansion and rural development
Some other advantages of underground power cables:

Less subject to damage from severe weather conditions (mainly wind and freezing)
Greatly reduced emission, into the surrounding area, of electromagnetic fields (EMF). All electric currents generate EMF, but the shielding provided by the earth surrounding underground cables restricts their range and power. See section below, "Health concerns".
Underground cables need a narrower surrounding strip of about 1- 10 meters to install, whereas an overhead line requires a surrounding strip of about 20- 200 meters wide to be kept permanently clear for safety, maintenance and repair.
Underground cables pose no hazard to low flying aircraft or to wildlife, and are significantly safer as they pose no shock hazard (except to the unwary digger).

The people and wildlife in Southern Colorado would greatly appreciate your consideration of the underground cable option.

please contact us with any new information.
thank you.

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I-202-001: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-202-002: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
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